

The Yocto Project Eclipse plug-in: An Effective IDE Environment for  
Embedded Application and System Developers

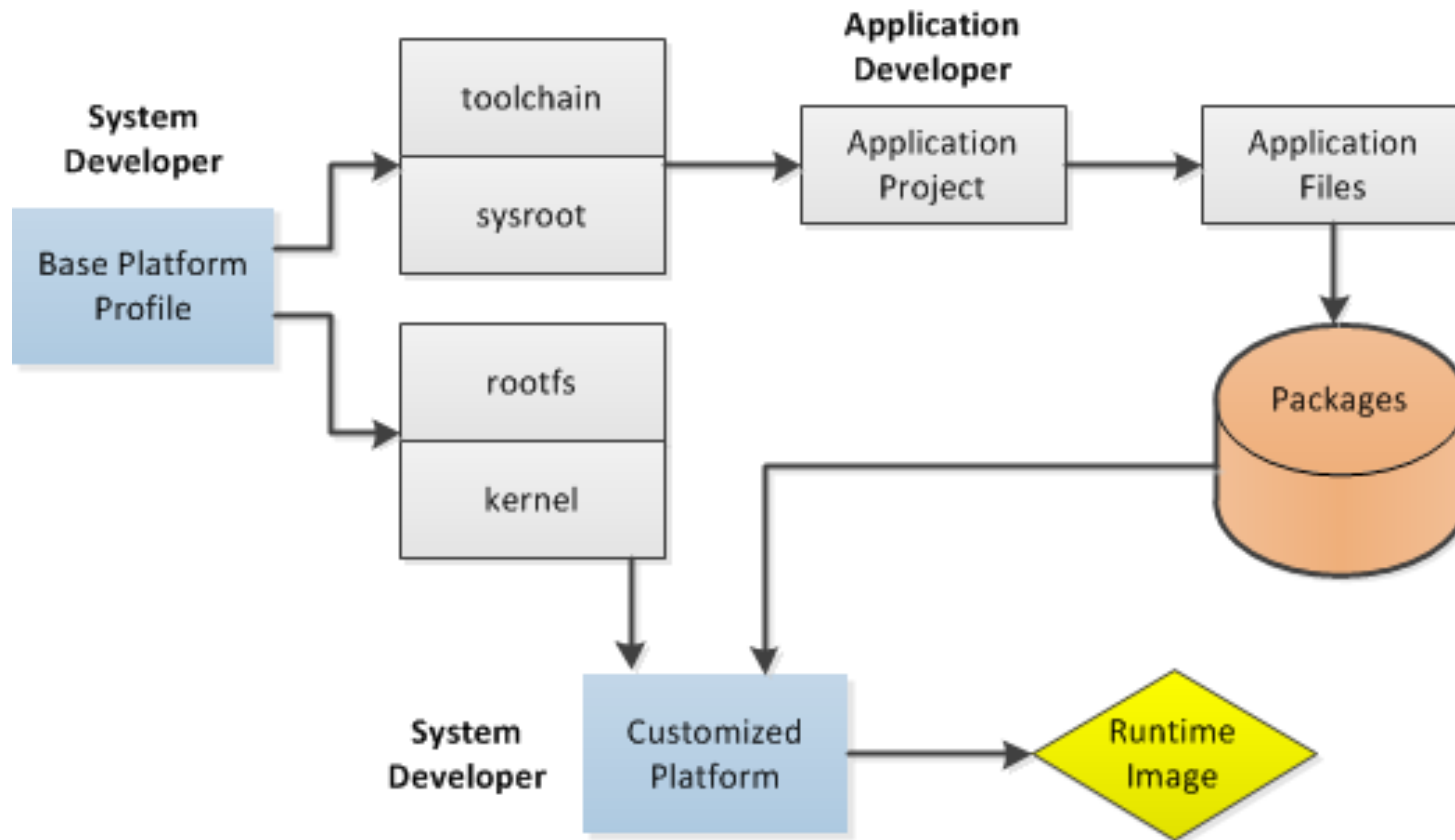


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# Agenda

- **Embedded Linux Development**
- **What The Yocto Project Offers Embedded Linux Development**
- **The Yocto Project Eclipse Plug-in**
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  - For Application Developers
- **What's Next?**

# Embedded Linux Development Flow

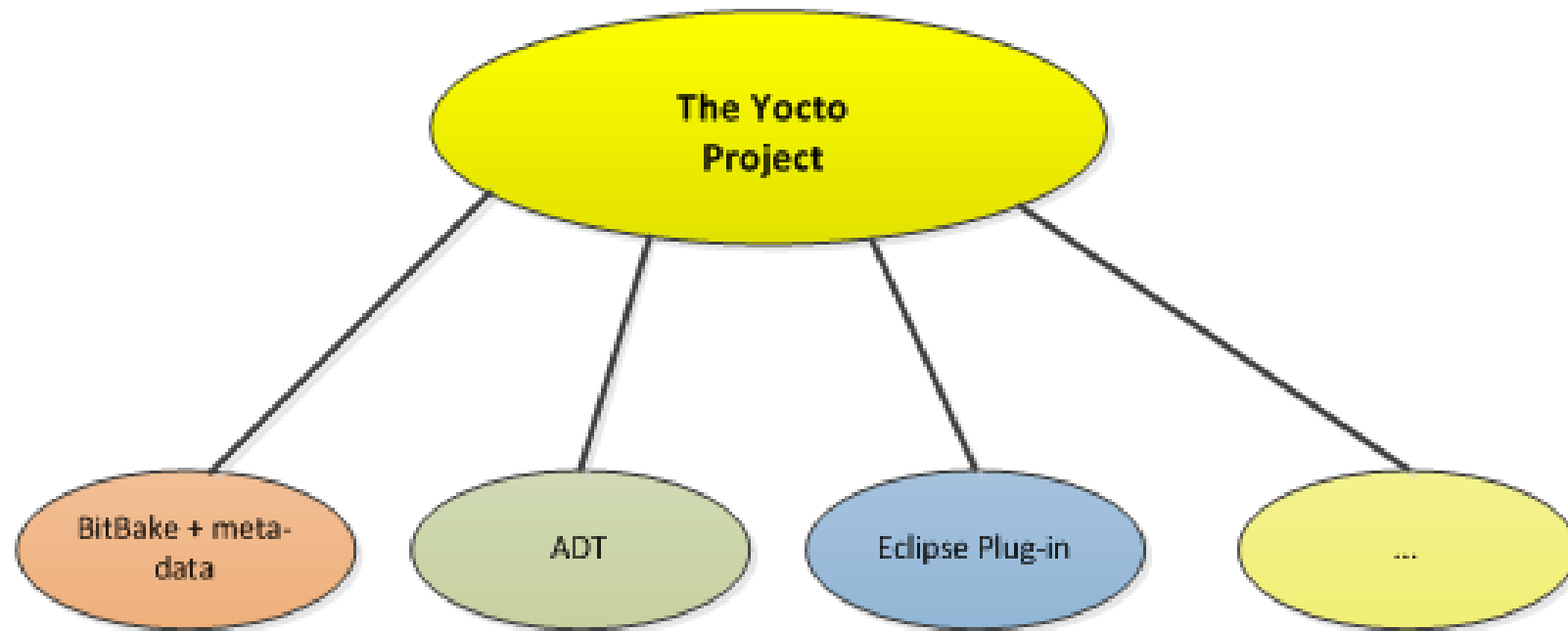


# Embedded Linux Development

- **System developer - develop the Linux systems for the targeted embedded devices:**
  - ✓ Build profile customization through package selection
  - ✓ Tune the image footprint
  - ✓ Create reproducible build with flexibility in customization (for example, target architecture, package format)
  - ✓ Build toolchain for application developers
- **Application developer - develop applications running on the targeted embedded devices:**
  - ✓ Use cross-toolchain
  - ✓ Take advantage of sysroot setup
  - ✓ Remotely debug application on target (real HW or emulator)
  - ✓ Tune performance using profiling/tracing tools

**A framework that streamlines the development flow is highly desirable**

# What The Yocto Project Offers Embedded Linux Development



**It's not an embedded Linux distribution – it creates a custom one for you.**

# What The Yocto Project Offers Embedded Linux Development

## • The build system and meta-data:

- Using BitBake - a widely adopted build system by the embedded Linux developers
- Meta-data consists of recipe and configuration files
- Easy customization / extension of the core meta-data through layers
- HOB – A graphical user interface for BitBake

You don't need to be an expert of BitBake to be able to customize your build and image

## • The Application Development Kit (ADT):

- Cross-toolchain for the target device
  - ✓ Supports sysroot setup
  - ✓ Optimized for autotool-based projects
- Qemu emulator
  - ✓ Can be booted through unfs
  - ✓ Rootfs is extracted as sysroot
- Tools for target analysis, profiling and tracing

# The Yocto Project Eclipse Plug-in

- **An IDE environment to streamline the development flow:**
  - Wizard
  - Template
- **Based on open source solutions:**
  - Eclipse communities' CDT, RSE, TCF and LinuxTools projects
  - BitBake Commander Project
- **Within one IDE, users can fully benefit from Yocto Project offerings:**
  - BitBake (through Hob)
  - Meta-data
  - ADT
  - Qemu
  - Tracing and profiling tools

# The Yocto Project Eclipse Plug-in For the System Developers

**Without the Plug-in, you must do these steps all from the command-line.**

1. Clone the Yocto Project meta-data
2. Edit recipe files using your preferred editor: `emacs`, `vim`, ...
3. Source `oe-init-build-env` to setup your build directory
4. Edit the `conf/local.conf` file to configure the Yocto build and then use BitBake to kick off the build

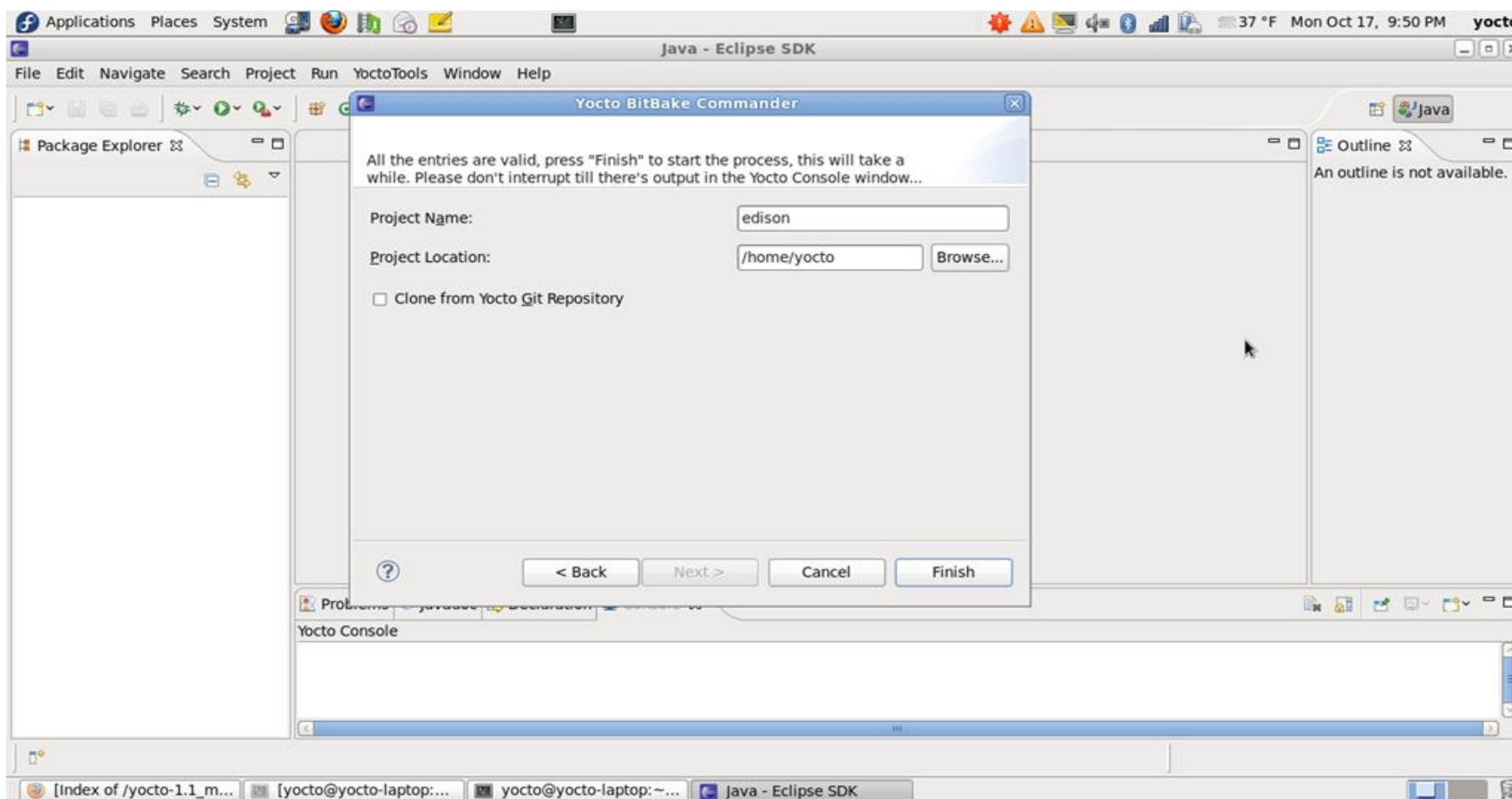
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4. Use Hob to facilitate further build customization, and then run the Yocto build from within Hob



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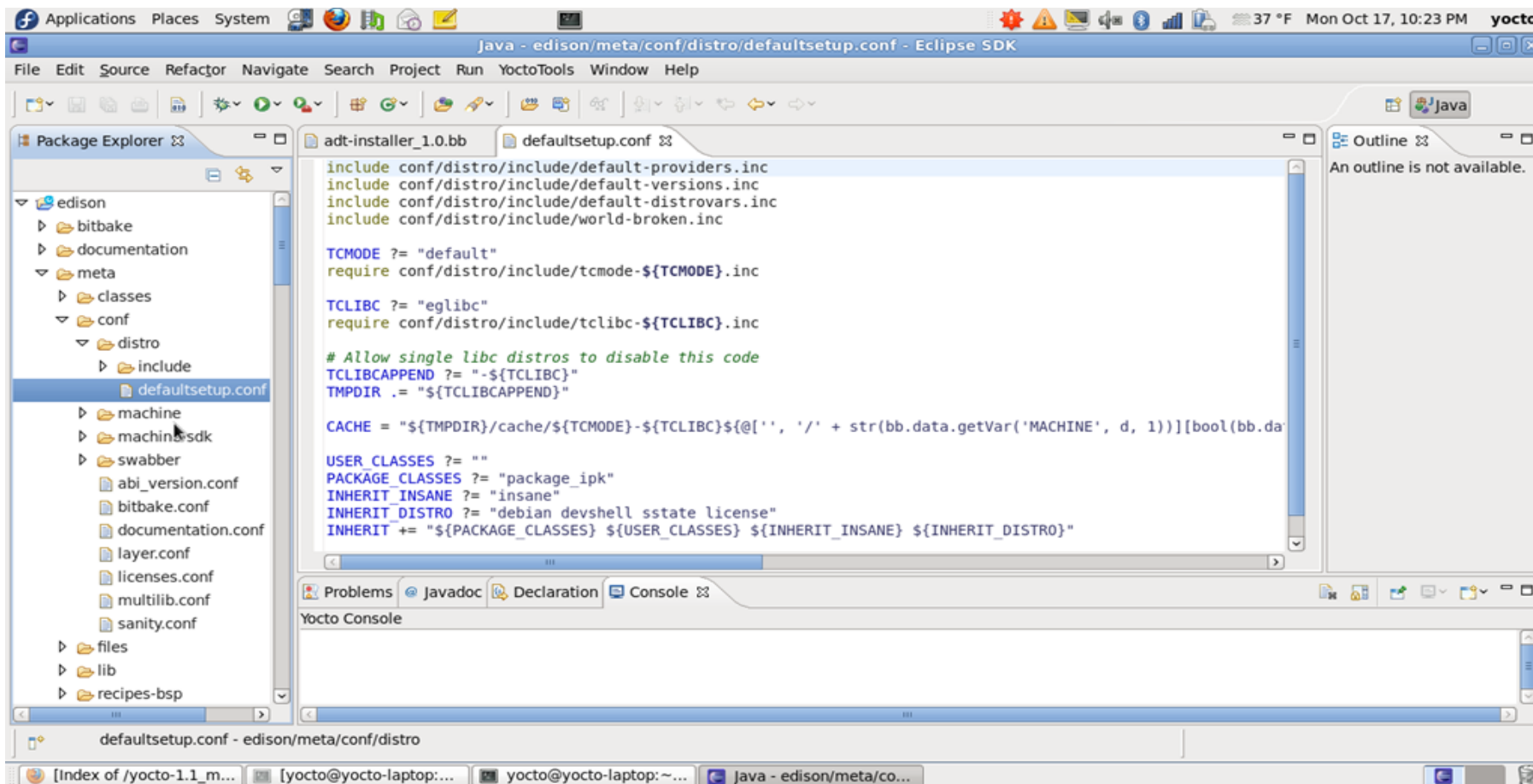
**Step 1: Create Yocto BitBake Commander Project for Yocto Project meta-data (Note: Collaborate with other open source plug-ins, e.g. egit)**



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## Step 2: Customize meta-data recipe files

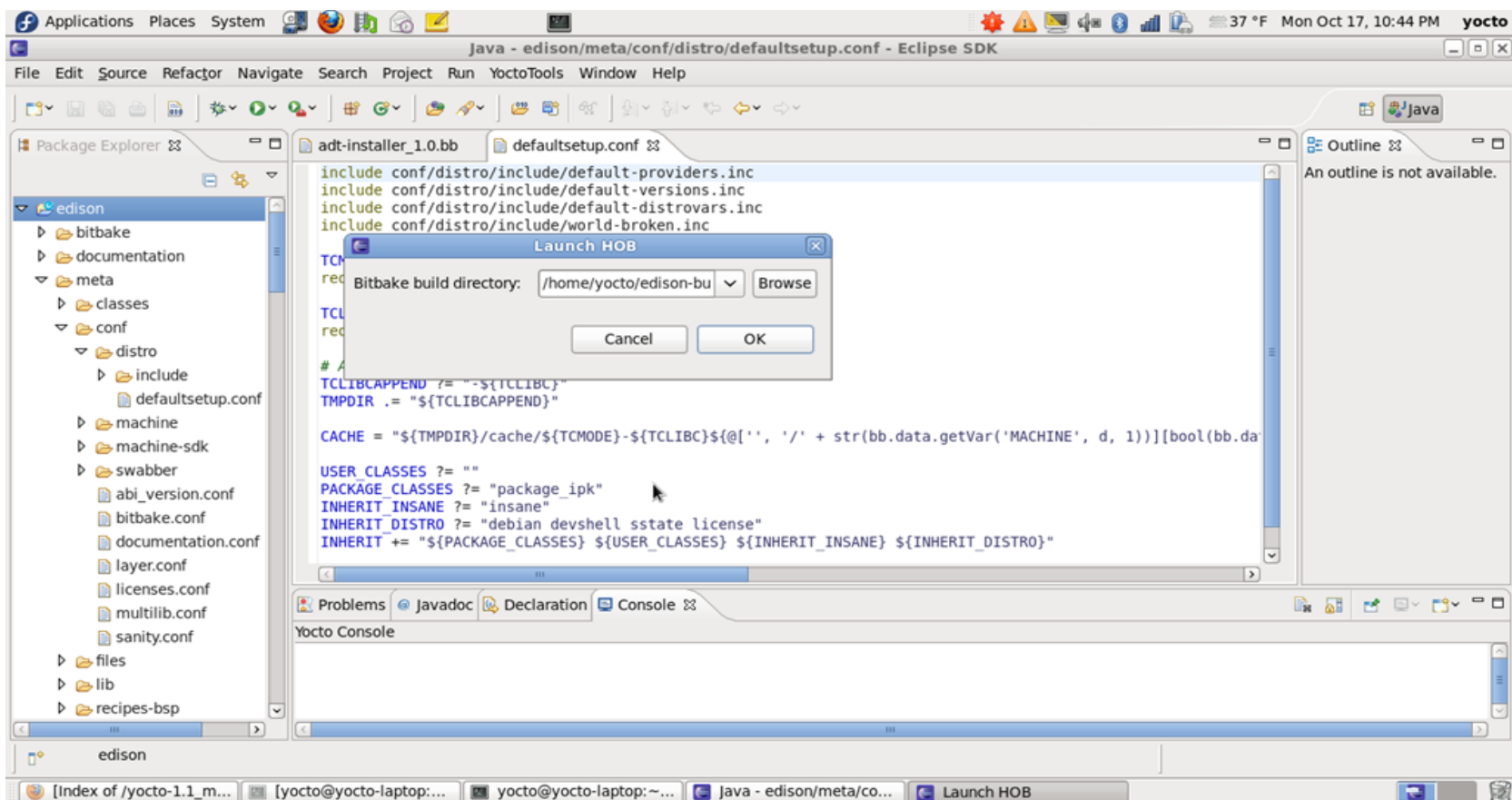
- Navigate the meta-data in the project tree view
- “Yocto BitBake Recipe Editor” with keywords highlighted
- New Recipe Wizard allows the user to quickly create new recipe files



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## Step 3: Launch Hob

- Set up a separate build area for the customized meta-data
- Using Hob, further customize and configure your build and image output
- Run the build from Hob



# The Yocto Project Eclipse Plug-in For System Developer

## Hob

Machine:  Base image:  Loaded

Packages Package Collections

Package	Description	License	Group	Included
a52dec	liba52 version 0.7.4-r3	GPLv2+	libs	<input type="checkbox"/>
a52dec-doc	liba52 version 0.7.4-r3	GPLv2+	libs	<input type="checkbox"/>
acl	acl version 2.2.51-r2	LGPLv2.1+ & GPLv2+	libs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
acl-dbg	acl version 2.2.51-r2	LGPLv2.1+ & GPLv2+	libs	<input type="checkbox"/>
acl-dev	acl version 2.2.51-r2	LGPLv2.1+ & GPLv2+	libs	<input type="checkbox"/>
acl-doc	acl version 2.2.51-r2	LGPLv2.1+ & GPLv2+	libs	<input type="checkbox"/>
acl-locale	acl version 2.2.51-r2	LGPLv2.1+ & GPLv2+	libs	<input type="checkbox"/>
acl-staticdev	acl version 2.2.51-r2	LGPLv2.1+ & GPLv2+	libs	<input type="checkbox"/>

Search packages:

Estimated image contents (631 packages): 

Package	Brought in by
acl	udev-cache, udev
alsa-conf-base	alsa-lib
alsa-lib	gst-plugins-base, alsa-utils-alsaucm, alsa-utils-midi, alsa-utils-iecset, alsa-utils-aplay, alsa-utils-alsactl, alsa-utils-speakertest, alsa-utils-
alsa-utils	alsa-utils-amiixer, alsa-utils-alsaucm, alsa-utils-midi, alsa-utils-iecset, alsa-utils-aplay, alsa-utils-alsactl, alsa-utils-speakertest, alsa-utils-
alsa-utils-aconnect	alsa-utils-aseqnet, alsa-utils-alsaloop, alsa-utils-aseqdump, alsa-utils-speakertest, alsa-utils-alsactl, alsa-utils-aplay, alsa-utils-iecset, al
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Reset Bake

# The Yocto Project Eclipse Plug-in For System Developer

## Demo

# The Yocto Project Eclipse Plug-in For Application Developers

**Without the Plug-in, you must do these steps all from the command-line.**

1. Set up your cross toolchain and sysroot for cross development
2. Create your Makefile or autotool-based project
  - Best with autotool-based projects. Just pass host options to configure (e.g. `./configure host=i686-poky-linux --with-libtool-sysroot=/home/jzhang/x86`)
  - For other projects, ensure the cross-tools are used, (e.g. `CC=i686-poky-linux-gcc` and `LD=i686-poky-linux-ld` in makefile)
3. Compile your project
4. Optionally bring up the Qemu emulator using the command line
5. Deploy your application to the remote target: `rcp`, `scp`, `rsync`, etc.
6. Setup cross debugging against the desired target: Qemu or real hardware
  - Start `gdbserver` on target
  - Run `cross-gdb` on host side to connect to remote target
7. Perform target analysis tasks like tracing and profiling
  - Follow each tool's special setup for remote launch or interaction from the host

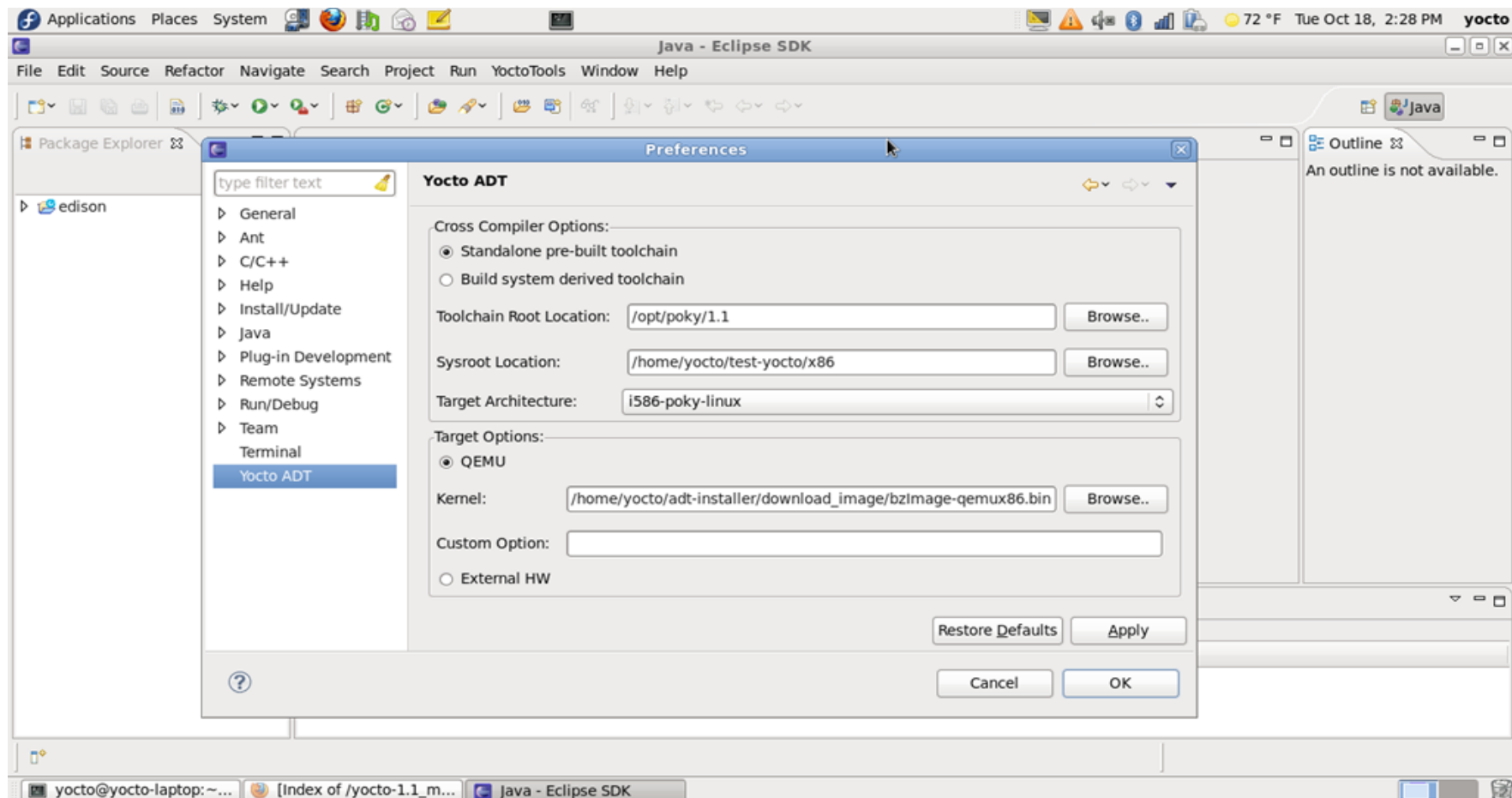
**This is a very complex task if doing everything on your own and can dramatically slow down your development cycle.**

# The Yocto Project Eclipse Plug-in For Application Developer

**Step 1: Set up your cross-toolchain and sysroot for cross-development**

**Step 2: Set up your Eclipse IDE with the Yocto Project Plug-in installed**

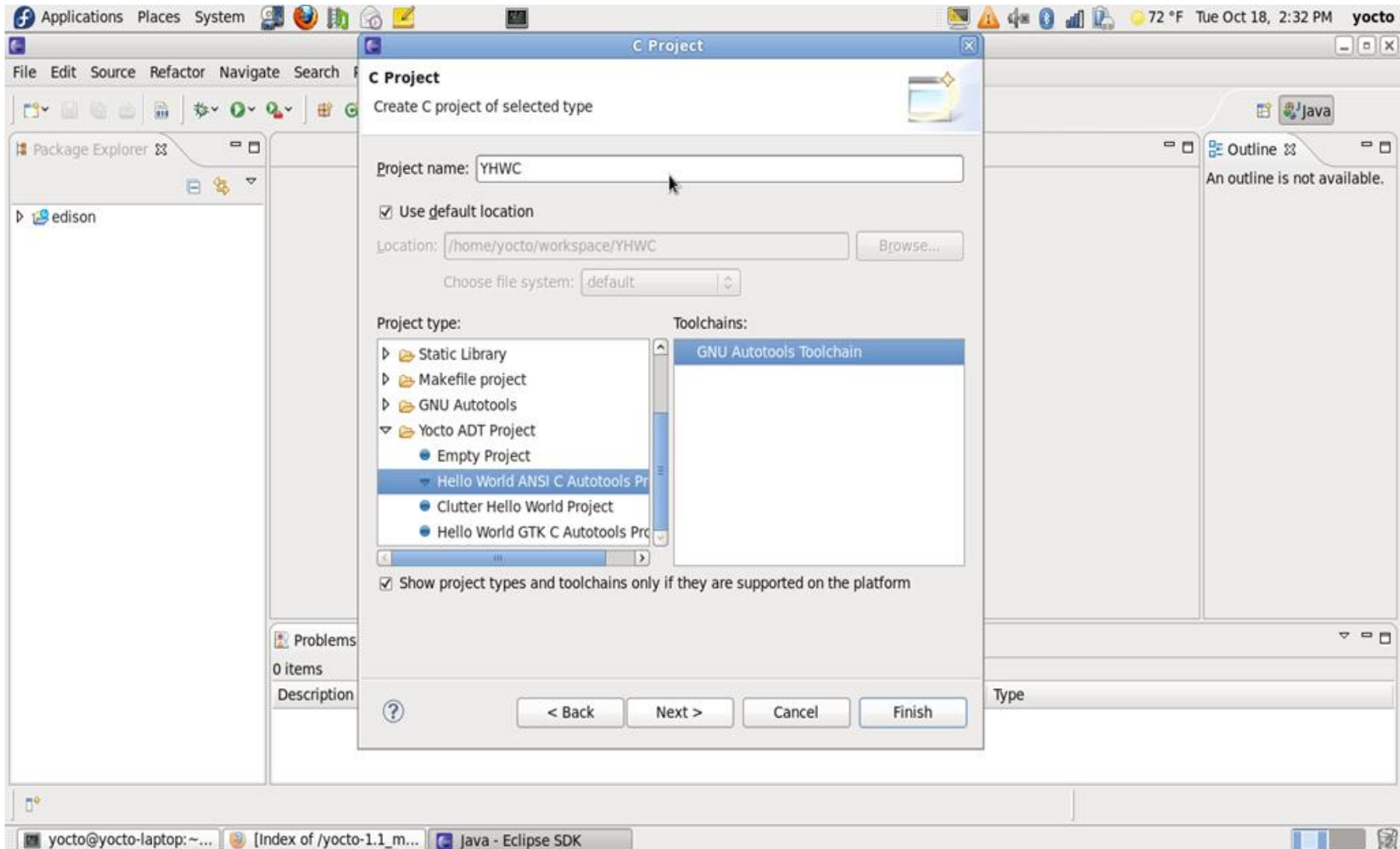
**Step 3: Configure Yocto Project ADT plug-in for IDE**





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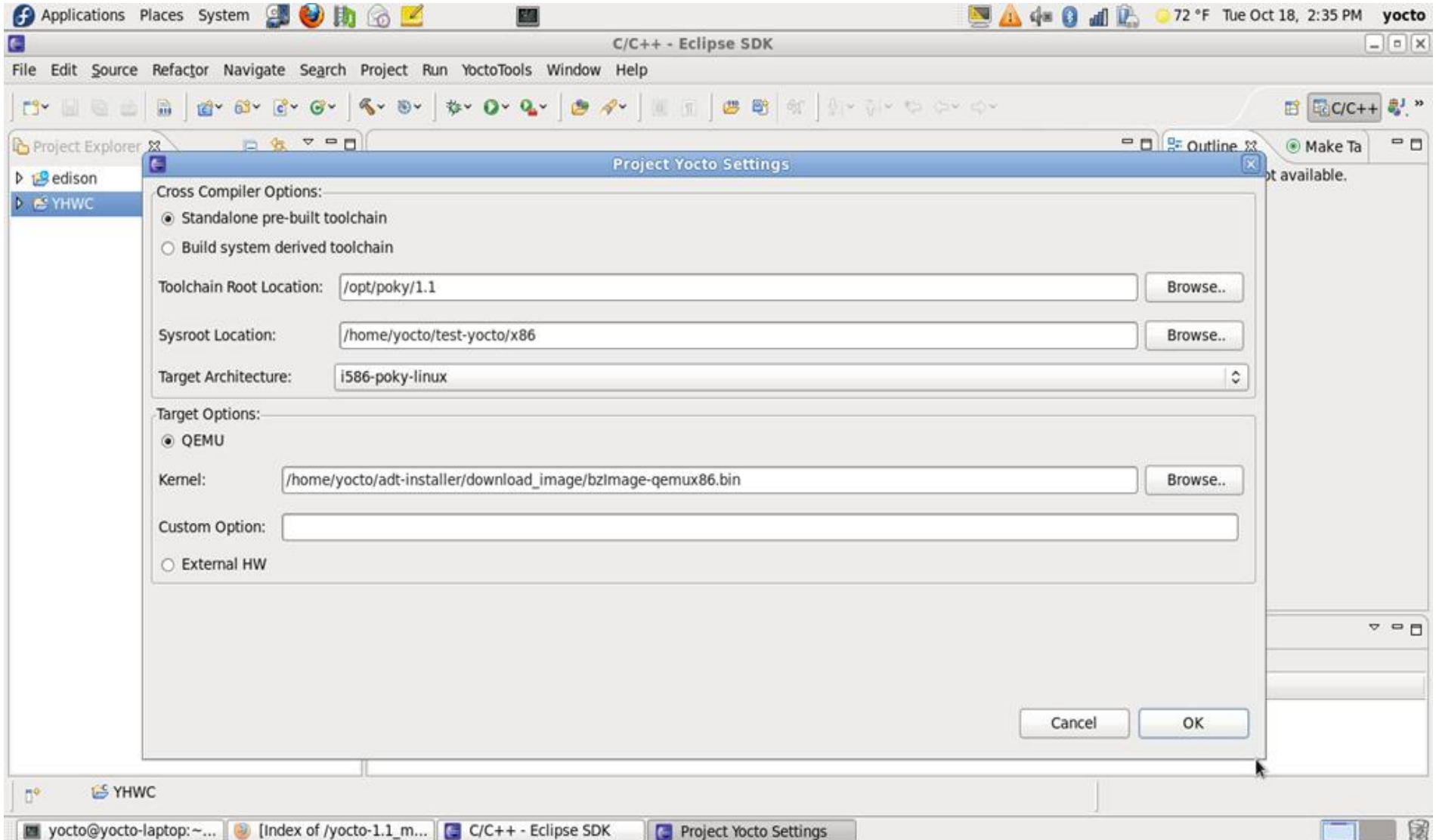
## Step 4: Pick one of the ADT autotool-based project templates





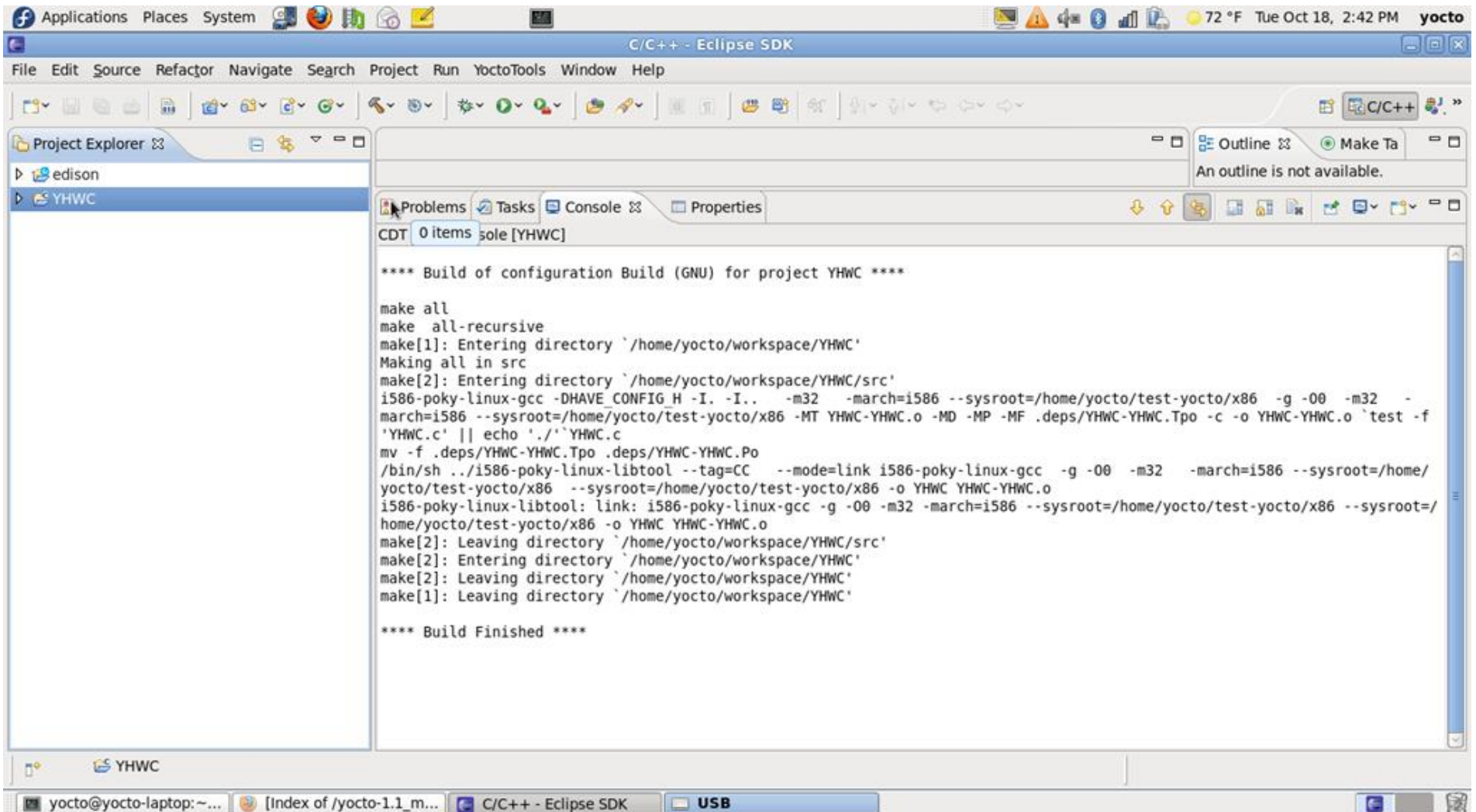
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## Step 5: Change the project's cross-developmen settings if needed



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## Step 6: Work on your project, configure and compile using cross-development settings



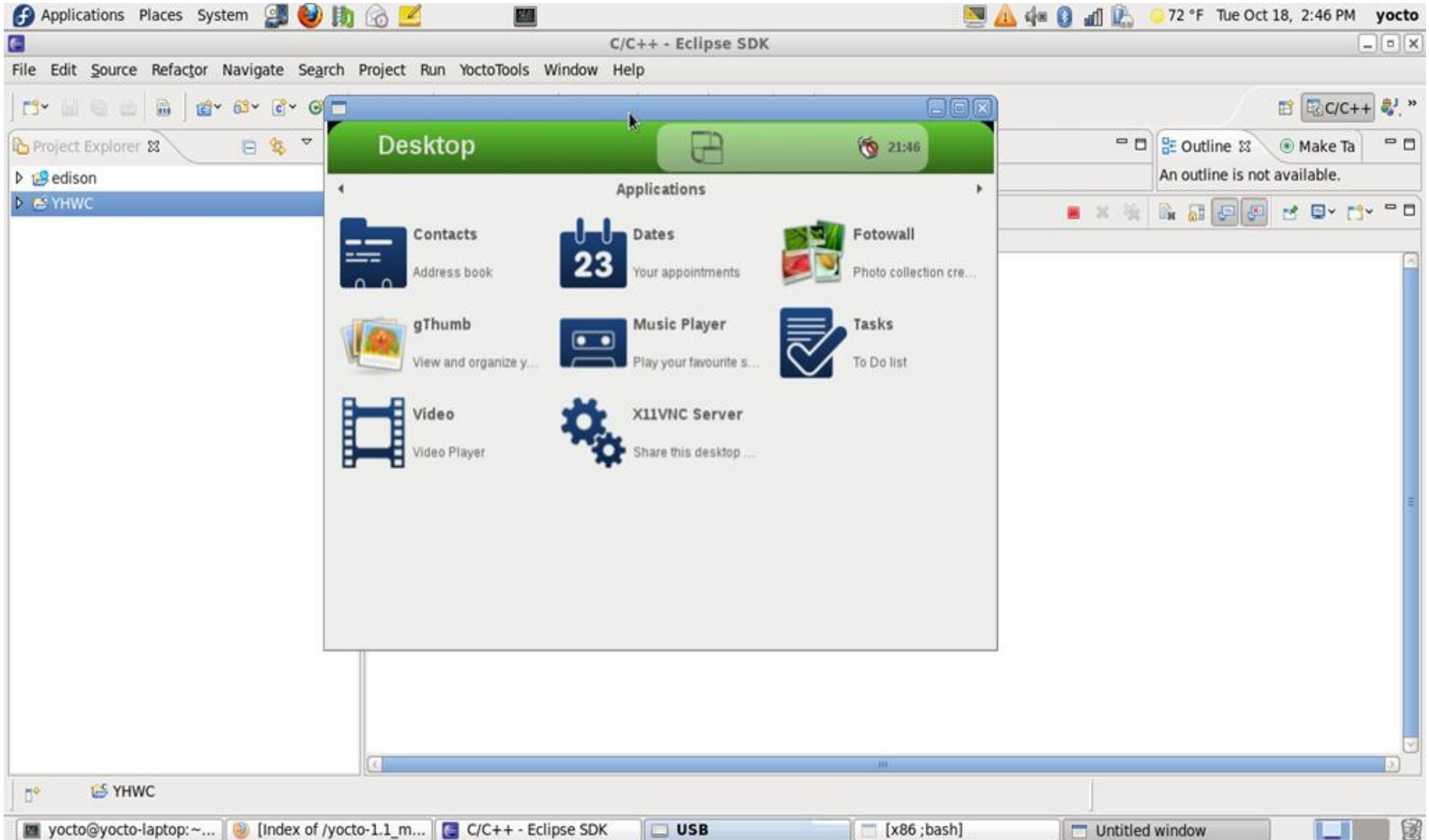
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**** Build of configuration Build (GNU) for project YHWC ****

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make all-recursive
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Making all in src
make[2]: Entering directory `/home/yocto/workspace/YHWC/src'
i586-poky-linux-gcc -DHAVE_CONFIG_H -I. -I.. -m32 -march=i586 --sysroot=/home/yocto/test-yocto/x86 -g -O0 -m32 -march=i586 --sysroot=/home/yocto/test-yocto/x86 -MT YHWC-YHWC.o -MD -MP -MF .deps/YHWC-YHWC.Tpo -c -o YHWC-YHWC.o `test -f 'YHWC.c' || echo './'`YHWC.c
mv -f .deps/YHWC-YHWC.Tpo .deps/YHWC-YHWC.Po
/bin/sh ../i586-poky-linux-libtool --tag=CC --mode=link i586-poky-linux-gcc -g -O0 -m32 -march=i586 --sysroot=/home/yocto/test-yocto/x86 --sysroot=/home/yocto/test-yocto/x86 -o YHWC YHWC-YHWC.o
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**** Build Finished ****
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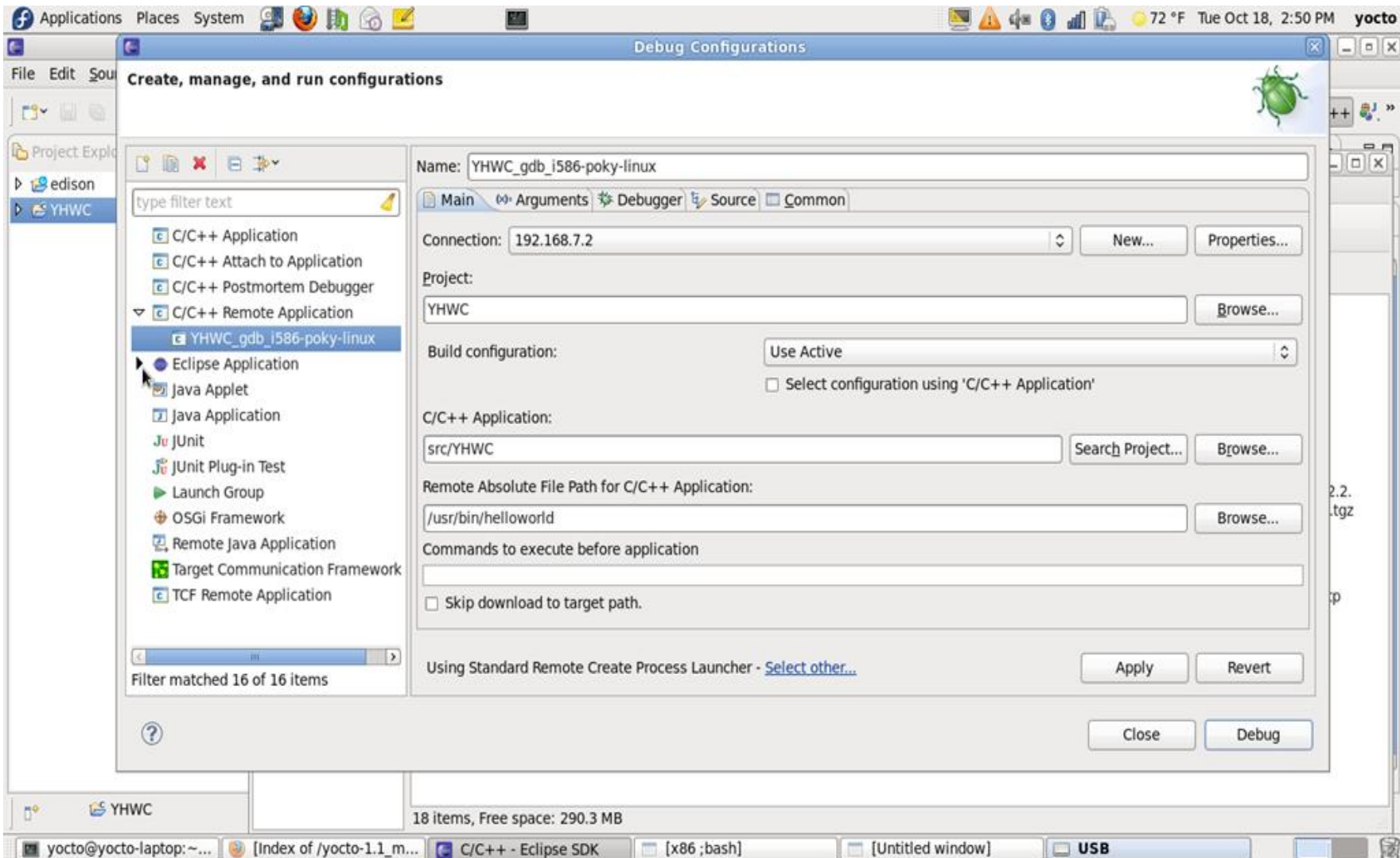
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## Step 7: Use the auto-created Qemu launcher for the target to launch Qemu



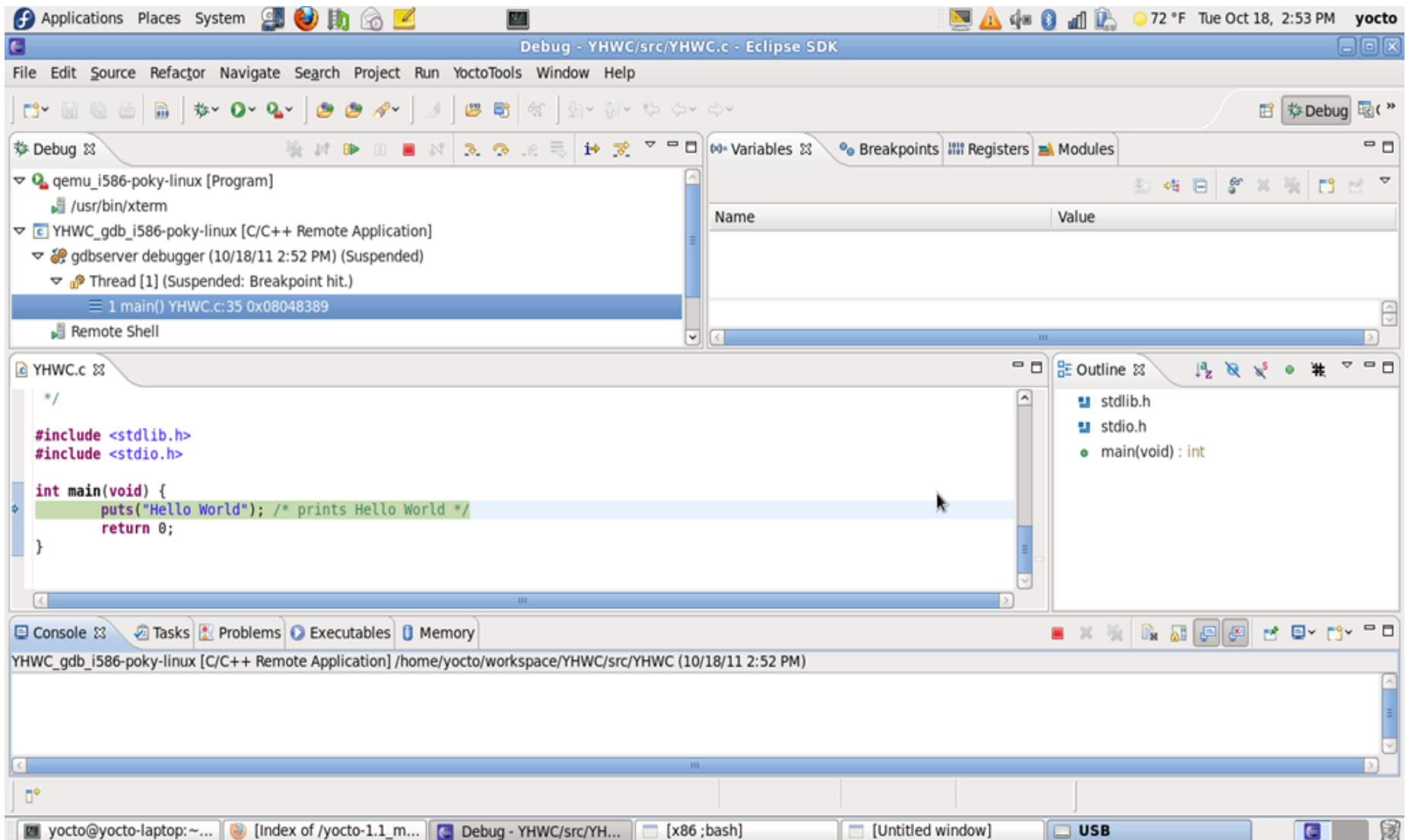
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## Step 8: Finish the auto-created remote debug configuration template for the project



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## Step 9: Launch the remote debug session





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**Step 10: Use the tools under the “YoctoTools” menu. The tools suite contains the following essential tools that provide target analytical capabilities:**

- PowerTop
- LatencyTop
- Oprofile
- Perf
- Lttng-ust
- SystemTap

# The Yocto Project Eclipse Plug-in For Application Developer

## Demo

# What's Next?

- **Continue to improve the Yocto Project's overall user experience is the main theme of the next release**
- **Add new tools:**
  - BSP/Kernel configuration tools
- **Improve existing tools:**
  - BitBake Commander
    - ✓ Create recipe wizard extensions
    - ✓ Add more features to make it easier for the user to create recipes
  - Hob:
    - ✓ Working on near- and longer-term plans for creating a better infrastructure to support a back-end BitBake server and front-end user interface model
    - ✓ Deliver key missing functionality, e.g. packages deselection, precise package information
  - Tracing and Profiling Tools:
    - ✓ Make tools easier to setup
    - ✓ Improve tool functionality in the long term



# Other Sources

## **Yocto Project:**

<http://www.yoctoproject.org/>

## **ADT manual:**

<http://www.yoctoproject.org/docs/current/adt-manual/adt-manual.html>

## **Yocto Project Eclipse Plug-in Video:**

<http://vimeo.com/30557368>

## **Hob Video:**

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/W3IXTdajqH4>

## **ELC 2011 ADT Video:**

“The Yocto project and its application development toolkit (ADT) -  
The answer to effective embedded application development”:

<http://free-electrons.com/blog/elc-2011-videos/>

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